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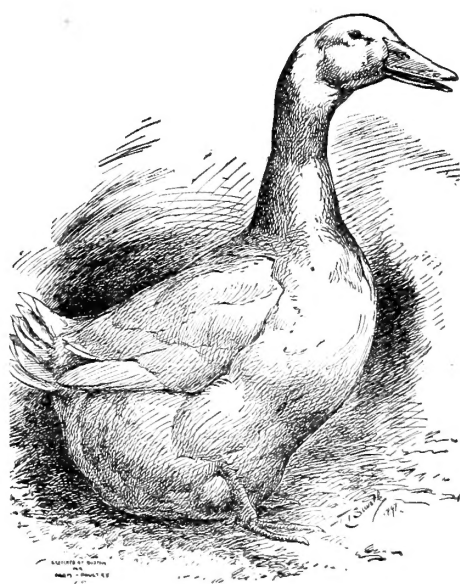
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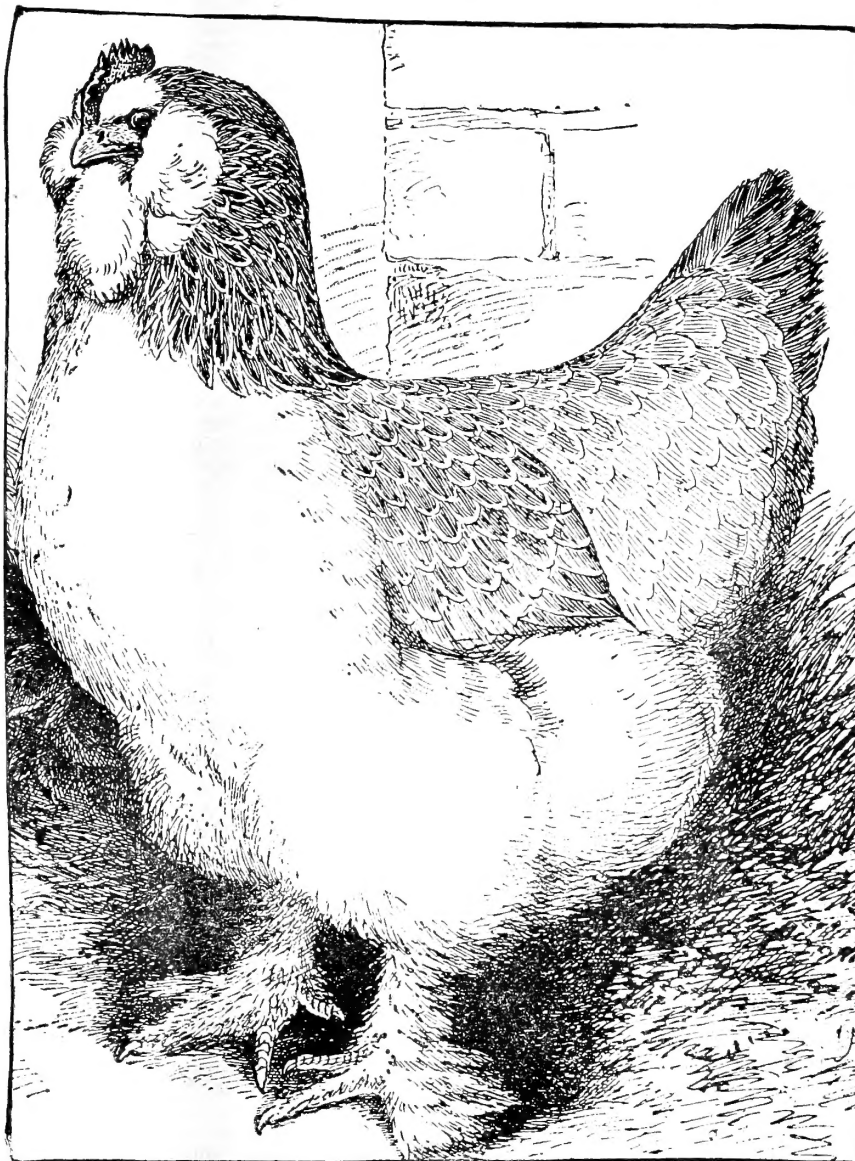
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Faverolles.

"One of the most popular French breeds at present—Faverolles—is a recent creation, by rather complicated crossing, but has quickly taken strong hold upon English breeders, owing to its superb table qualities combined with hardiness and quick growth, and has already found the support of a club and a place in the Standard.

"Faverolles have for a time been common in the northern part of France, where they were regarded simply as useful fowls. They are the result of crosses to produce good layers, particularly in winter, whose chickens are strong, hardy and quick-growing, with thin, white skin and fine bone, abundantly covered with meat and lending themselves readily, if

need be, to artificial fattening. Brahmas or Cochins, Dorkings and Houdans were used to produce Faverolles; and as the different varieties of these breeds were used indiscriminately, the Faverolles are met with of different colors, yet with well defined characteristics of habit, shape and quality. The Salmon and the white or Ermine varieties gradually became most numerous on account of their better laying and table qualities. A few seem to have been kept in England about 1892 or 1893, but little was heard of them till 1896; since then they have become scattered all over the country.

"Whatever the color of the Faverolles, the general characteristics are the same. In both sexes the combs are single, upright and of medium size. The beard and muffling should be very abundant;

the head is free from crest, is broad and short with small, thin wattles and stout, short beak. The short, stout neck is thickly covered with rather close-fitting hackles. The body is broad, deep and wide; the back very broad and flat; the breast is also broad, with keel-bone deep and prominent, the whole giving a sturdy, massive look to the fowl. The legs should be fairly stout in bone without being coarse, and be slightly feathered on the outside down to the end of the outer toe. The toes are five in number; tail feathers and sickles are full and broad; the sickles incline, however, to be short in length and carried rather upright, as in the Brahma.

"The cocks should weigh 7 pounds to 8½ pounds; hens, 6 pounds to 7 pounds; cockerels, 6½ pounds to 7½ pounds;

and pullets, 5 pounds to 6½ pounds. These weights are not excessive, and are often exceeded, though generally at the expense of quality.

"The color of the Salmon Faverolles cock is quite different from that of the hen. Some are a mixture of black and white, like the Silver Dorking; others, which have the preference, are a warmer color, like the dark Dorking. In the exhibition Salmon cock, the beak, legs and feet are white; the skin is also white and very fine. The face, lobes and wattles are red, nearly concealed by the muffling and beard, which is black ticked with white. Neck and saddle hackles are straw color, quite free from any stripe. The breast is black; very few are sound in breast color; the majority show white mottling, particularly towards the bottom. The wing-bow is straw colored, the wing-bar black, and the outside of the secondaries white. The tail, under-color and thighs are black.

"The Salmon hen is much like a Wheaten Game. The head and neck are wheaten brown, broadly striped with darker brown. Beard and muffling (both are much heavier than in the cock) are creamy white. Back, shoulders and wings wheaten brown, the color running lighter on the sides until it meets the cream color of the breast, thighs and undercolor. Primaries, secondaries and tail are wheaten brown; these at present are very imperfect, for a great deal of black or white, or both, is to be found in most hens. Face, wattles, legs and feet are the same as in the cocks.

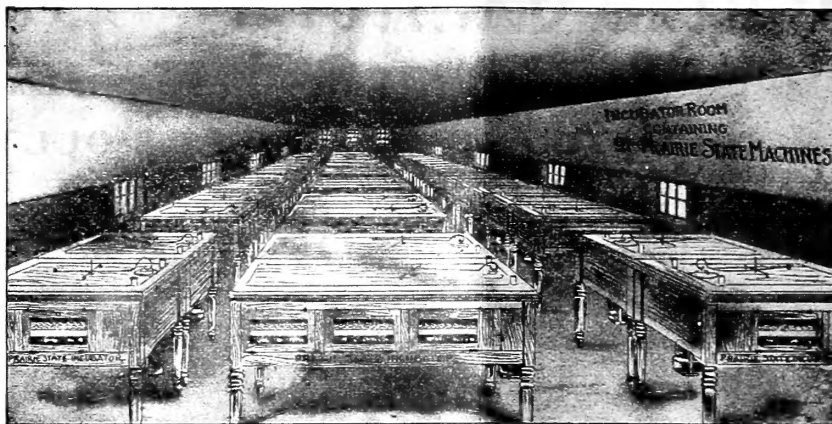
"The Ermine or White Faverolles are marked like Light Brahmas, and, remembering their origin, it will be found quite as difficult to obtain the clear, densely striped hackles with pure white body color free from ticking.

"Faverolles chickens are very hardy and easy to rear either artificially or naturally, providing that they are given as much liberty as possible, for after the first week they are keen foragers on their own account without being wild, and prefer food of their own finding if it can be obtained. They are always in good flesh, and consequently are very suitable to rear for supplying *petits poussins*; this object was kept prominently in mind at their inception.

"The framers of the Standard also appear to have drawn it up from a meat producing point of view; perhaps rightly so, for the breed has found much favor with the fatters, some of whom declare it to be the nearest approach to the old Sussex breed they have met with for some time. The chickens are white when hatched, and their nest feathers are also white; with each subsequent growth more color appears, but only in the final change do the cockerels acquire a solid black breast, so the weeding out process must not be too hastily conducted. They grow and mature very quickly until the final change into adult plumage, when, like Brahmas and Dorkings, the feathers come rather slowly.

"The claims of the Faverolles as a table fowl seem to have obscured its excellent laying qualities. Helped by its early maturing quality, however, the Faverolles is also a good winter and spring layer, not easily checked by climatic changes.

"The eggs vary in color from white to deep brown, most usually they are a pale brown; the eggs from mature birds are above the average in size. The hens are slow to come on broody, though exemplary sitters and mothers, and if checked from broodiness, soon recommence laying.



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Trap Nests.

Special attention is called to the "Dandy Egg Trap Nest" advertised under head of "The Dandy Brooder." This nest will certainly fill that long-felt want for a simple, practical and cheap trap nest. It is the invention of Dr. A. F. Meserve of Danville, Ill. He is also the inventor of the Dandy Brooders and other poultry specialties.

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The inventor announces that a standing reward of \$10, is offered for the name and address, together with positive proof, of any party or parties making these nests without having first purchased plans and permit. Same reward will also be paid

for names and addresses of parties having purchased plans and permit who attempt to manufacture and offer for sale or give away any nest, attachments or plans for same.

One of the catalogues received this year gives the impression, at first sight, that somebody has been trying to get up a corner in live poultry, but closer inspection shows that the suspicious matter is only a series of illustrations of the world's great poultry farms, where Prairie State Incubators and Brooders are used. When a poultryman, who operates ninety-one incubators, shows a preference for the Prairie State, it seems like evidence of a good machine, but when we look farther and find that scores of other great poultry farms use Prairie State machines exclusively, there is no room left for doubt or argument. Price is no object to such buyers. It is eggs and dividends on their money that they want, and they can get the biggest dividends out of the best machines. The Prairie State Incubator Company of Homer City, Pa., have built up an immense business. The men who started the business, twenty years ago, were practical poultrymen who wanted to make more money out of the poultry business, and it is conservative to say that their customers have made millions out of Prairie State machines. The Prairie State factory is equipped with special machinery that cost \$25,000, and it is run the year around to supply the demand that comes from all the countries of the world. Nothing succeeds like success, and the Prairie State catalogue for 1904 contains a good recipe, recommended by successful men, for anyone who wants to make money out of the poultry business.

A Day's Work on a Duck Farm.

Reprinted from the February, 1901, number.

Complete insight into a subject like the above, can of course best be obtained by a personal visit. Many interesting pages might be written about the ways of conducting a large duck ranch, descending to minute details in every department of work, as to feeding, etc., and still when it was done it would fail to present a truthful appearance, that is, compared with things as they would appear to the eyes of the casual visitor to the duck farm, but however, we will leave that before the reader and select for our subject above, a day about the middle of May. At this time, everything on a duck ranch is moving with the precision of clock-work, and if there is no hustling now,

there certainly won't be a very big product that season.

The employees are obliged to arouse from their slumbers at 4 A. M., and each man hurries then to his especial department of work. There are four men usually employed on an average duck farm; by an average duck farm I mean one with an annual output of about 20,000 or 25,000. Larger plants (of which there are but few that are exclusively ducks) of course require more help, but on the former plant one man cares for the incubators, the second to the breeders and fattening stock, the third attends to the care of the tender young ducklings in the brooder house until they are ready for the fourth man who also attends to the care of the farm team and must cart two loads of grain from town each day, one in the morning and another after dinner. By 5 o'clock A. M. if you should chance to peep into the incubator room you would find the man very busy attending to each machine, noting the temperature and adjusting the regulator where necessary, and should a hatch be coming off, he occasionally drops down one door to give the little yellow fellows a good breath of fresh air after struggling so hard to free themselves in that close egg tray. The windows which are on all four sides of the incubator room, must be opened according to the wind, for instance if the wind is blowing from the north-west the windows are opened on the south and east frontages, thereby preventing any wind from blowing directly into the room.

At 5 o'clock the second man is obliged to have his car of feed all thoroughly mixed, and ready to be run out on the long tramway to feed out to the fattening pens below. This man in particular has to keep a close watch on the largest and best of them, so he can tell at a glance when one is in market trim. By the time he has this fed out, and his car returned to the mixing room, he must take a hand at killing three or four strings of (10 to a string) those ducks that were caught the night before, as those young maidens that come to pick are usually on hand by 6 o'clock sharp and at this time the big cauldron of water must be boiling for them to plunge the ducks in, and the tubs where the ducks are put after picking must be filled with fresh cold water.

While this has been going on the other two men have been on the go also. The brooder house with runs on each side has to be opened all around in each pen, the temperature of the room and of the hovers noted, the heater raked down and fresh coal put on and the ashes dumped. Then their breakfast of meal, bran, flour and scrap is mixed and fed to them and the automatic water supply is turned on and the trough in each pen is filled around the entire house in the short time of about 15 minutes. Sometimes one of the youngsters that is unusually smart will stretch his neck a bit and turn the pet-cocks square down which will flood that yard when the next water is turned on. All this must come under the eyes of the brooder house attendant.

The fourth hand has his team all fed and watered and cleaned by breakfast time, previous to that his time was occupied by his feeding the ducks that have left the brooder house and are rapidly advancing in growth so as to reach the fattening pens as soon as possible. The ducks in this man's hands eat more than at any other time, as they are just the right age.

By 7 o'clock the employees are through breakfast, and those hustling red-cheeked

lassies have finished those three strings so that it is necessary for all hands to turn to and kill for an hour or more, so one man catches poor duckie and hooks a suspended cord to his feet, while another cord with a weight hooks into his bill to straighten him out. A string of ten is put up in about four minutes, and then a sharp knife is inserted in the roof of the mouth near the base of the brain, and they bleed quickly and profusely and croak for good in a couple of minutes. They are then taken down and to a long trough with fresh running water, and the blood washed from their heads and mouths and then taken to the picking room. A girl grabs one and dashes him into the kettle of boiling water, takes him out and wraps him in a thick burlap to let the steam get through the feathers, and then she drops into her chair beside a big box and more than hustles the feathers off. When the duck is all picked all but a few tail feathers, the wings, and half the neck, he is again plunged into hot water as quick as possible and then into the tubs where they stay until packing for market.

Each picker is also obliged to tag each duck, by simply attaching a card and string to the leg of the carcass. After all hands get through killing, one man goes to mix his car of feed for the breeders, feeds it out along the tramway, and also the tedious labor of searching for and picking up the eggs. Ducks will sometimes cover their nest of eggs so nicely that the man who picks up the eggs has oftentimes put his No. 10 into a nest of a dozen or more and the effect can be better imagined than told.

Another man goes to harness his team

into the big wagon, all ready to go to town for a load of grain; the incubator hand is busy turning and airing his eggs and perhaps taking off a hatch or two of ducks to the brooder house. He must keep careful account of the number hatched and if there be any weak ones they are generally just taken up by two legs and have their head rapped against a post and thrown out on the manure heap. This is better than caring for them a week or ten days and then throw them out, for they would never reach market age.

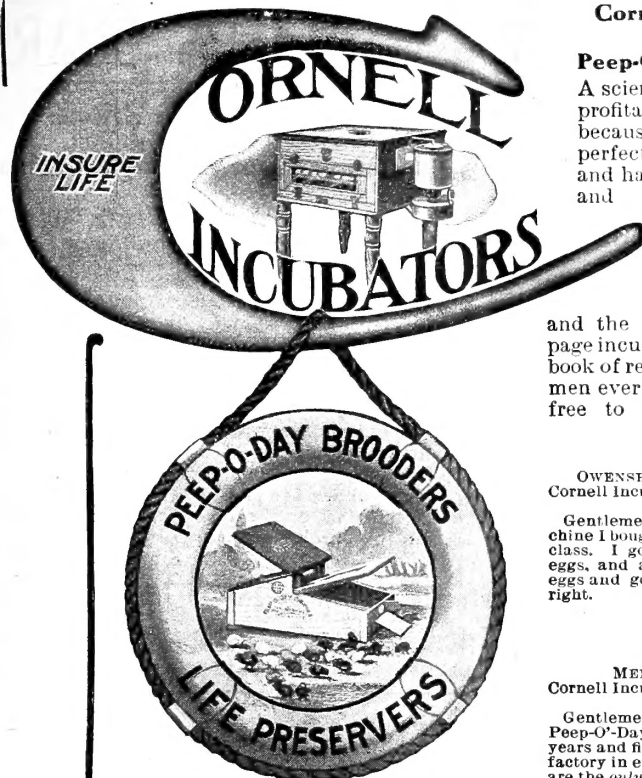
The man in the brooder house has a box of sharp sand in each pen of the little duckling, and this has to be kept wet always, or else the ducks won't taste it, and the pens must be kept well bedded with nice clean straw always.

By 9 o'clock this man has to commence to mix his second feed, for the little ducks are fed four times daily, viz., at 5, 10, 2 and 6.

There is generally a good deal of small work to do the last hour and a half of the forenoon, such as carrying out stale eggs, oiling the wind-mill, unloading and dumping grain, washing market barrels, fixing water fountains and feeding troughs, replenishing sand boxes, cleaning out yards, weeding in the garden, cutting the green rye that is used in all the feeds, and other little jobs too numerous to mention, but of which there are always plenty and some to spare.

The man with the grain generally arrives about 11 and then has to hustle to mix and feed his noonday meal to the ducks. He feeds on the down trip and stops to water in each pen as he comes back along. After dinner there are sev-

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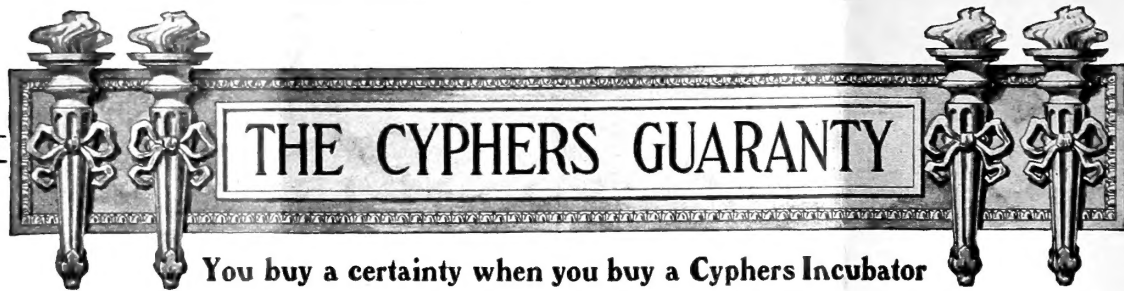
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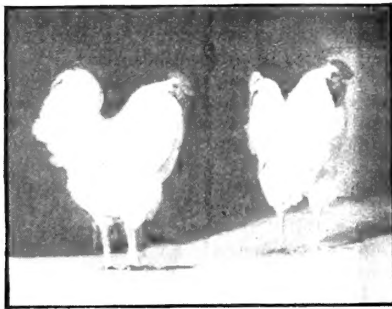
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At 2 P. M. the young ducklings are making their presence known, by saying in their best way that it is feed time again, for them, and there must be another load of grain from town; and if there are any ducks to be killed they are soon finished off, so as to let the pickers off by 3 or a little after, and then the ducks can cool and be packed for market that night.

By 6 o'clock they are out on the packing house platform, awaiting the driver to take them to the station.

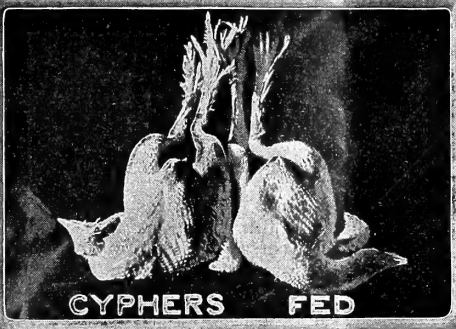
At this time all hands have been hustling doing their night feeding, and the incubator man has been busy turning his eggs, and filling the lamps and trimming them and making sure that his lamps have sufficient flame for the night. After supper, comes the closing up of the houses the emptying of the water troughs, and each feed tray in the brooder house must be scraped clean every night. The barrels of dressed ducks must be loaded and carried to the station to the evening train so as to be on the market the following morning. The driver is apt to be singing on this last trip of the day, and especially after he gets to the farm and his team is cared for, for his day's work is then done. The brooder house attendant completes his duties for the day about 7:30 P. M., and he is then at leisure, while the incubator attendant is not so lucky, he having eggs to test about three nights out of the week until 9 or 10 o'clock. At this time of the year they are usually going down

hill a little as April is the banner month for good eggs. The man in charge of the breeders and fattening pens gets away about 7:30 and takes an evening ride on his new chainless steed, while two of the men take time to spin a yarn about some other poultry farm they had worked on, and the fourth man is soundly sleeping in his room after his hard day's work.

So closes the day on the duck farm, and our city cousins and friends who go to the market for a dressed duck probably little think or realize the work that is connected with raising it, but, I suppose, imagine that they grow themselves nearly. But could these people be so situated that they could spend a week on a duck farm and see in reality what a laborious and endless task it is to get a carcass (or 20,000 of them) into the New York market in a single season, I am confident that their next duck dinner would taste as it never did before.

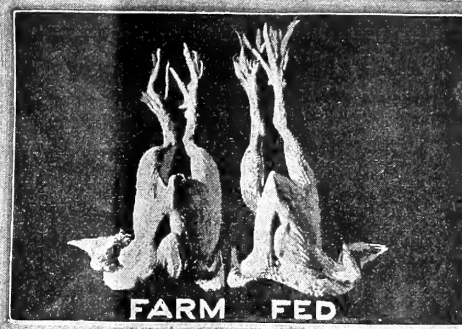
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The Winter Layers.

The pullets that were hatched in March and April and kept growing should now be well matured and laying every day, and it is most important that we carefully consider the conditions that promote egg production to keep a steady egg yield. They must have good dry warm quarters, for every poultryman is aware that damp quarters creates disease and then the egg yield will stop. The most profitable hen is the steady, persistent layer, and if we want the greatest possible profit, we must do our part to assist the hen in her work. It is most important that the poultry house is clean and sweet, and if the pens have been thoroughly cleaned before placing the fowls in their winter quarters and kept clean, the floors swept clean and a little lime thrown on the floors to sweeten them before the fresh sand is placed on the floors, the nests and roosts and drop boards must also be sweet and clean and kept so all through the cold winter months. When pullets first begin laying, they are frequently very irregular about it, one pullet may lay every other day, another only twice a week at first. Many of the first eggs are too small to be sold to market and must be used up at home. At the present time eggs are bringing a good high price in the market and are very scarce and hard to get, especially with the poultryman who has not the right kind of quarters to keep the hens in a proper condition to make a good egg yield, but lots of poultrymen will tell you they are all right and we will get lots of eggs in a short time, but remember you want the eggs now when the price is high. Regular feeding and feeding a well bal-

anced ration has much to do with promoting egg production of both hens and pullets. There is lots of green food that can be fed in the winter to aid egg production. Turnips and cabbage are good green food for winter layers, but of all give me the green cut clover, which, when left to steam and cook over night then mixed with their daily mash, watch how eager the hen devours it. Watch those Rocker combs on your Wyandotte hens and pullets and see how quickly their combs will turn red and how it brightens them up. It is just what they want. It is a good substitute for the green grass which they pick from the lawn in the summer. They must have this green food; the hen requires it for egg production. It is economy to feed grain or vegetable food to fowls because it saves grain bills. The fowls will eat decidedly less grain if they are well supplied with green food or vegetables. It is in the good health promoted that we find the greatest benefit in feeding green food, which is to the poultry very much like fresh fruits to the human family, stimulating the secretions, aiding digestion, and promoting the general bodily economies. Yet some will say to use some prepared egg food to stimulate egg laying, and think that is all that is required to stimulate the hen, to make the hen a good egg producer. And yet they will tell you, they should be laying, but are not, generally speaking. We would say, don't use condimental foods or so-called egg foods, they usually do more harm than good. When pullets neglect to lay and the old hens lay but a little, it is more likely to be injudicious feeding, the lack of some required food element than the need of stimulants.

If the pullets and fowls are fed a well balanced ration, are well supplied with green food, and plenty of exercise is encouraged, they will lay because it is nature. Many people think if a little is good more is better, and so they feed their fowls large quantities, which defeats the aim of using a little, which in most cases is all that is required. The pullets must be kept in good laying condition if we expect them to lay eggs. The laying hens are always active hens, the lazy hens are always poor layers, and the moral is to keep them busy. Scatter the grain in a litter; make them scratch to find it. Scratching quickens the circulation, and promotes digestion, and keeps your hens healthy, and aids the egg production. This is my way of feeding my hens to get eggs in cold weather, and I generally get them. I have a pen of White Wyandotte pullets, ten in the pen, that was hatched the 20th day of April, laid their first egg October 20th, and to-day laid seven eggs, which I call good for winter layers. I will keep the tabs on these ten pullets from October 20th until April 20th, which will be six months, and we'll see what the blocky White Wyandotte will do as winter layers. And in conclusion, keep the poultry house about the same temperature as in summer, and give the hens the same diet as they get in the summer when they are running out and are laying lots of eggs, and you will get good returns for your labor thus given.—*American Poultry Advocate.*

In a majority of cases the best market for poor chickens is at home.

Don't get into the habit of thinking that the more you feed the hens the more they will lay. It won't work always.

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The columns of this paper are open to communica-
 tions concerning anything in which our readers may be
 interested. Contributions and questions on Poultry
 topics are solicited, and our readers are invited
 to use the paper as a medium for the exchange of
 ideas of mutual interest.

MARCH, 1904.

Mr. James H. Woodward, Dunstable,
 Mass., the well known breeder of Barred
 Plymouth Rocks, has favored us with a
 copy of his annual catalogue giving a full
 description of his matings for 1904, price
 list, etc.

By the intelligent use of the Trap Nest,
 Mr. Woodward has built up a strain of
 Plymouth Rocks that stand with the best
 in the country and reproduce with re-
 markable accuracy.

Mr. Woodward will be pleased to mail
 his catalogue to anyone who is interested
 in the careful breeding of this most popu-
 lar variety, and our readers will find it to
 be an interesting catalogue.

We would call the attention of our
 readers to the advertisement of Sham-
 rock Farm, on the second page of this is-
 sue. Messrs. Wiseman have aimed to
 secure a flock of Rhode Islands Reds
 that are well up in the fancy points as
 well as in utility qualities, and have now
 a large number of birds that would win
 their share of prizes in the showroom.

They have issued a neat catalogue de-
 scribing their Reds, and containing con-
 siderable information regarding their his-
 tory, breeding and care.

The catalogue is free to all who write
 for it.

After a short stay in Indianapolis, the
American Fancier has returned to its old
 home, Johnstown, N. Y. and Mr. J. H.
 Drevenstedt is again in charge and will
 continue to furnish the news "live from
 the wire," to the thousands of poultry-
 men who have come to depend upon it
 for the latest information on all matters

pertaining to poultry, and for the excel-
 lence of its show reports. Mr. Dreven-
 stedt has had many years of experience
 as a poultry breeder, journalist and judge,
 and in his writings as in judging he "hews
 to the line, let the chips fall where they
 may." The *Fancier* has our best wishes
 for the success which it merits.

Will We Ever Get the Parcels Post.

(Written for the Eastern Poultryman. This article is
 not copyrighted.)

By arrangements known as "Parcels
 Post," merchandise not exceeding eleven
 pounds in weight may be sent by mail to
 twenty-two foreign countries for twelve
 cents per pound.

Within the United States, the postal
 rate for merchandise is one cent per
 ounce, limit of weight four pounds.

To illustrate: If ten pounds of mer-
 chandise were to be sent by mail from
 Yarmouth to Freeport, Maine, (six miles)
 it must be done up in separate packages,
 none exceeding four pounds, and the
 postage would be \$1.60, exclusive of the
 weight of the packing material.

The same goods could be mailed to
 New Zealand in one package for \$1.32,
 provided they did not weigh more than
 eleven pounds, packing and all.

The writer recently mailed a trap nest
 outfit to New Zealand per Parcels Post
 for twelve cents; which is less than it
 would have cost to send it six miles to
 Freeport by either mail or express.

Considerable pressure has been brought
 to bear upon the Congress for a number
 of years for the establishment of a Par-
 cels Post within the United States. One
 congressman is reported to have stated
 on the floor of the House, that there were
 four strong reasons why the system could
 never become established here. He
 named the four great express companies
 as the "reasons."

It is believed by some who have given
 much thought to the subject that a Par-
 cels Post system here would not only be
 of great benefit to the general public, but
 would so stimulate the sale and distribu-
 tion of innumerable kinds of merchandise,
 that ultimately the profitable business of
 the express companies as well as the
 revenue of the postal service would be
 greatly increased.

Just now, the somewhat ambiguous
 claim is being advanced by enemies of
 the proposed Parcels Post, that it is a
 scheme of the big mail-order houses to
 enable them to obtain an unfair advantage
 over the local merchants. The general
 buying public will not be much impressed
 by that claim.

The truth is, that nearly all of us occa-
 sionally need or want things which our
 local dealers do not sell, things which
 are not yet called for often enough to
 justify the local traders in handling them.

Especially is this condition notable in
 connection with poultry supplies of many
 kinds.

The poultry keeper who wants to keep
 up with the times and adopt modern
 advanced methods, is often unable to
 find what he wants in his own town.
 Transportation by freight is often more
 costly than by express for articles light in
 weight, and the express rate is often so
 high as to seem prohibitive. In many
 cases the express charge is considerably
 more than the value of the goods.

When we consider that probably a
 comparatively small proportion of the
 millions of poultry raisers in this country

have as yet begun to order poultry sup-
 plies by mail, it would seem that any
 system which would make more reason-
 able the cost for transportation of such
 goods would increase the bulk of trans-
 actions in that line to a degree which
 would ultimately prove more profitable
 to all parties concerned; including the
 postal department and the express com-
 panies. We need the Parcels Post.

F. O. WELLCOME.

World's Fair Poultry Show.

The regular cash prizes offered for ex-
 hibits of poultry, pigeons and pet stock
 at the Universal Exposition of 1904 ag-
 gregate more than \$16,000. This large
 amount will be greatly increased by ap-
 propriations made by World's Fair com-
 missions for state exhibits. One state,
 Missouri, has provided \$7,000 to cover
 special prizes and expenses connected
 with the State's poultry exhibits at St.
 Louis.

The Exposition's prizes were never be-
 fore nearly approached in amount at any
 poultry show or exposition; in fact they
 largely exceed with one exception the
 total sum offered by the leading State
 fairs for the combined live stock breed-
 ing interests, including horses, cattle,
 sheep, swine and poultry.

The specialty clubs of this and other
 countries are making a very successful
 canvass for funds for special prizes for
 exhibits. One club gives assurance of
 its purpose to provide a prize fund of at
 least \$300 for its favorite variety.

The Universal Exposition has in a
 marked and complimentary manner re-
 cognized the poultry industry by plac-
 ing the matter of receiving, cooping, feed-
 ing, exhibiting and returning the poultry,
 pigeons and pet stock at the World's
 Fair in the hands of a committee recom-
 mended for this purpose by the Ameri-
 can Poultry Association. Chief Coburn
 has also highly honored the poultry frater-
 nity by choosing as superintendent of
 the poultry show Mr. T. E. Orr, the sec-
 retary and treasurer of the American
 Poultry Association.

The committee recommended by the
 American Poultry Association to assem-
 ble, exhibit and return the poultry shown
 at the World's Fair consists of Henry
 Steinmesch of St. Louis, T. F. McGrew,
 New York, and U. R. Fishel, Hope, Ind.
 This committee is composed of one of
 the most successful and experienced
 superintendents of large poultry shows;
 a former secretary of the American Poul-
 try Association and popular poultry
 author, and as the third member one of
 the largest and most successful breeders
 and exhibitors. These are public-spirited
 gentlemen, noted for their enterprise,
 knowledge, and devotion to the best in-
 terests of the poultry industry they so
 creditably represent.

The committee has prepared the fol-
 lowing address to prospective exhibitors,
 which contains much valuable informa-
 tion:

"TO EXHIBITORS OF POULTRY AT THE
 UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION OF 1904:

"The undersigned committee of the
 American Poultry Association has com-
 pleted arrangements with the Universal
 Exposition of 1904 whereby the commit-
 tee is to receive, coop, feed, care for, ex-
 hibit and return to their respective own-
 ers upon the close of the show the poul-
 try, pigeons and pet stock exhibited at
 the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Oct.
 24 to Nov. 5, 1904.

"The committee has arranged for new standard size coops of the proper size for turkeys, geese, ducks, poultry, pigeons and pet stock and will provide at the Exposition grounds an ample supply to meet all requirements. The committee will also provide feed and water for all the poultry, pigeons and pet stock on exhibition and the necessary utensils for the same, and furnish all necessary assistants.

"The committee, for all the necessary accommodations other than the barns, including coops, furniture and all services in connection with the shipment, feed, care and exhibition of poultry, pigeons and pet stock specified, and such as are usually provided for such exhibition, agree to accept from exhibitors in full for first-class service and accommodations, one dollar for single exhibits, including pet stock, two dollars for each breeding pen, and fifty cents for each pigeon.

"The committee personally, and not the American Poultry Association, will assume all responsibilities to and for exhibitors in connection with the exhibition of poultry, pigeons and pet stock at the Exposition, but assumes no responsibility for the loss of exhibits in course of shipment, or by disease, handling or accident while on exhibition.

"The American Poultry Association is to receive of the fees collected from exhibitors any surplus, after payment of all expenses, including reasonable compensation to the committee, for cooping, feeding and caring for the exhibits as specified. The compensation to the committee for the service rendered and the responsibilities assumed in connection with the foregoing shall be determined by the President and Secretary of the American Poultry Association.

"For further information concerning the foregoing address Henry Steinmesch, Chairman, World's Fair grounds, St. Louis, Mo.

(Signed) HENRY STEINMESCH, Chairman,

(Signed) T. F. MCGREW,

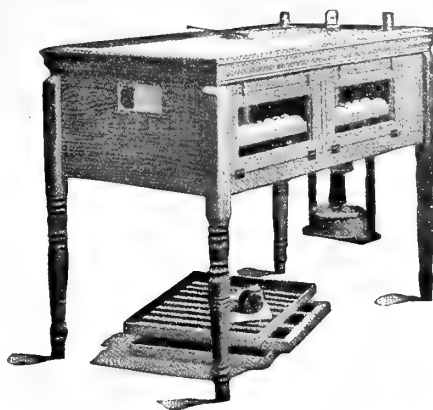
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Committee of American Poultry Association."

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One of the Secrets is to Profit By the Experience of Others.

Do hens pay?—meaning, does poultry keeping pay big profits—is a question often asked. Much depends on the man and as much more on the foods and appliances he uses. The right man with the right equipment can make poultry keeping *pay well*, and if he possesses a reasonable amount of common sense, combined with experience, his success is assured from the start. The advantage of experience is absolutely necessary. There are two ways of obtaining it. The more common method is to blunder along, paying for the mistakes you make as you go. This kind of experience is expensive and the road is paved with discouragement and failures. Only a man



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"Why, Ralph," exclaimed his wife, "you ought to have told me all this before now." He said nothing but looked a little silly, while the good woman opened an old trunk and took from it a good sized shot bag. She emptied the contents on the dining-room table before her astonished husband's eyes. There was a great rattle and clinking as the pile settled down. Then she fell to counting the dimes, nickles and odd quarters.

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"Where did you get it, Nellie?" gasped the husband.

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There are others. Many of them who think the little things on the farm don't count much, while some farmers even belittle themselves with the thought that they count but one in organizing, and so won't be missed. This is a great mistake.—*Up-to-Date Farming.*

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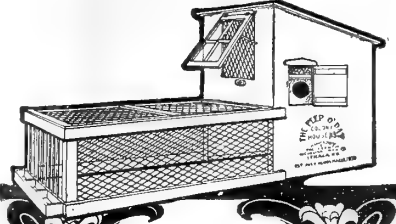
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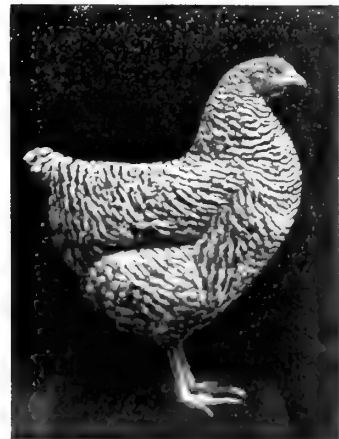
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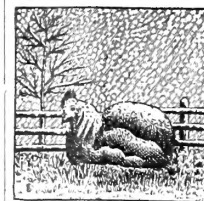
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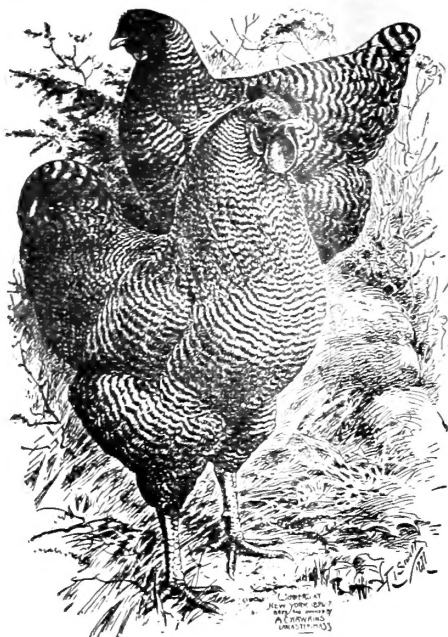
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